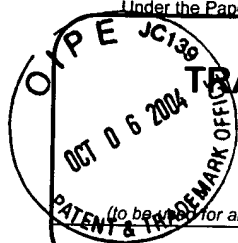


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Claims Objections

The inappropriate periods “.” within claims 11 and 17 have been replaced with semicolons  
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REMARKS

Claims 1 - 20 have been rejected as either being anticipated by or obvious in view of  
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